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**DATE March 19, 2015**

**NEWS RELEASE**

# **El Paso Police Officer Killed in Eastside Traffic Collision Identified**

Date/Time: 03-18-15 @ 1:54 pm  
Location: 3400 Yarbrough at 10700 Edgemere  
Vehicle 1: 2014 gray Honda Civic, 4 door  
Driver 1: Maria Soto, 54-years of age, Santa Teresa, NM  
Vehicle 2: 2012 black Suzuki - Escort motorcycle  
Driver 2: Officer Adrian Arellano, 10-year veteran of El Paso Police Department (**DECEASED**)

EL PASO, TEXAS: - The El Paso Police Department has identified the Officer who died in Wednesday's fatal traffic collision as Adrian Arellano. Maria Soto has been identified as the driver of the Honda Civic. Both escort motorcycles used in this funeral procession had their lights and sirens activated at the time of the fatal collision. Ms. Soto did enter the intersection with a green light, but disregarded the second escort officer's traffic directions, stopping all Edgemere traffic. Any decision regarding charges will be made at the culmination of the investigation and with consult with the District Attorney's Office. Funeral services for El Paso Police Officer Adrian Arellano are pending.

## **History 03-18-15**

El Paso, TX. - An El Paso Police Officer working a funeral escort has died after an afternoon collision on El Paso's Eastside. At 1:54 p.m., a 10-year veteran of the El Paso Police Department was conducting a funeral escort, riding an escort motorcycle equipped with emergency lights and siren, north on Yarbrough as another escort officer was blocking westbound traffic on Edgemere. A Honda Civic was traveling westbound on Edgemere and disregarded the escort officer who was conducting traffic control and entered the intersection in front of the northbound officer on Yarbrough causing a T-bone collision. The motorcycle officer collided with the driver's side of the Civic and became separated from the motorcycle. The officer sustained serious injuries and was transported to Del Sol Medical where he later died from his injuries. The Honda Civic had two passengers, one seated in the front passenger seat and the other in the rear seat, both the driver and the 14-year old female rear seat passenger were transported with non-life threatening injuries. The Special Traffic Investigations (STI) unit responded to the scene and continues their investigation. No charges have been filed at this time.

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